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SHOTS OF THE WEEK



Pendleton's Ben Jennings (3) goes up for a shot as Garrett Osborne (10), of Redmond, defends during an Intermountain Conference game Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at Warberg Court, Pendleton. Redmond beat Pendleton 65-33.

Kathy Aney/East Oregonian



Pendleton's Gauge Rueber (2) drives toward the basket Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, during the first half of the Bucks' loss to the La Grande Tigers at Pendleton High School.

Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian



Pendleton's Chloe Taber (11) drives toward the basket Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, during the second half of the Pendleton Buckaroos game against the La Grande Tigers at Pendleton High School. Pendleton lost 45-42.

Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian

EOU men's wrestling climbs NAIA rankings

By DAVIS CARBAUGH
The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University men's wrestling program improved three spots in the latest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics rankings, moving to No. 17 in the nation. The team received 48 votes in the most recent poll, which was released on Thursday, Jan. 20.

The Mountaineers are coming off a close, short-handed loss in a dual with Corban on Jan. 12 that ended 38-17. Prior to the defeat, the Mountaineers earned victories in their previous three January duals.

Three Eastern wrestlers earned individual national rankings. Keegan Mulhill (174)



Eastern Oregon University Athletics/Contributed Photo
Eastern Oregon University senior Noel Orozco, right, an All-American at 285 pounds, returns for the Mountaineers this season. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has ranked Eastern in the No. 17 spot.

came in at No. 8, Kyle Knudtson (184) was ranked No. 5 and Noel Orozco (285) was slated at No. 2. Orozco, a senior, is just one spot behind Grand View's Greg Hagan for the top spot in the heavyweight division.

Eastern is one of four Cascade Collegiate Conference schools that earned a spot in the latest national rankings. Menlo and Montana State-Northern earned the highest rankings — the two teams tied at No. 8 with 78 votes. The Mountaineers narrowly edged out Embry-Riddle, who earned 46 votes and a No. 18 ranking in the poll.

Up next on the slate for Eastern, the Mountaineers will travel to Marshall, Missouri, to compete at the Missouri Valley Invitational on Friday, Jan. 21, and Saturday, Jan. 22.

ON THE SLATE

Schedule subject to change

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

Prep girls wrestling

Hermiston at Othello, 10 a.m.

Boys prep wrestling

Hermiston at Post Falls, TBD

Prep girls basketball

Umatilla at Vale, 2 p.m.

South Wasco County at Echo, 2 p.m.

Irrigon at Nyssa, 3 p.m.

Riverside at Burns, 3 p.m.

Hermiston at Hanford, 3:15 p.m.

Grant Union at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Union, 4 p.m.

Enterprise at Stanfield, 4 p.m.

Wallowa at Griswold, 4 p.m.

Lyle/Wishram at Lone/Arlington, 5:30 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Union, 6 p.m.

Prep boys basketball

Umatilla at Vale, 3:30 p.m.

South Wasco County at Echo, 3:30 p.m.

Irrigon at Nyssa, 4:30 p.m.

Riverside at Burns, 4:30 p.m.

Hermiston at Hanford, 5 p.m.

Grant Union at Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.

Enterprise at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.

Wallowa at Griswold, 5:30 p.m.

Lyle/Wishram at Lone/Arlington, 5:30 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Union, 6 p.m.

College women's basketball

Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.

EOU vs. Southern Oregon, 3 p.m.

College men's basketball

Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.

EOU vs. Southern Oregon, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

Prep girls bowling

Walla Walla at Hermiston, 3 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Kamiakin at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.

Stanfield at McLoughlin, 6 p.m.

Umatilla at Irrigon, 6 p.m.

Condon at Echo, 6 p.m.

lone/Arlington at Bickleton, 6 p.m.

Pendleton at La Grande, 6 p.m.

Prep boys basketball

Pendleton at La Grande, 7:30 p.m.

Kamiakin at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.

Stanfield at McLoughlin, 7:30 p.m.

Umatilla at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.

Condon at Echo, 7:30 p.m.

lone/Arlington at Bickleton, 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls wrestling

Hermiston at Sunnyside, 7 p.m.

College women's basketball

EOU vs. College of Idaho, 5:30 p.m.

College men's basketball

EOU vs. College of Idaho, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

College women's basketball

Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 5:30 p.m.

College men's basketball

Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

Prep girls wrestling

Kennewick at Hermiston, 6 p.m.

Prep boys wrestling

Kennewick at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Riverside at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.

Prep boys basketball

Riverside at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.